

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A system for archiving reference material cited in a bibliography of a manuscript ~~using a communications network~~, the system comprising:

a first communications device connected to the ~~communications network for an author of a manuscript to use~~ Internet, wherein ~~the~~ an author of a manuscript uses the first communications device to transfer identification of reference material cited by the author in the bibliography of the manuscript to the ~~communications network~~ Internet, wherein ~~the cited reference material includes a web site and the identification includes identification of the web site~~;

a second communications device connected to the ~~communications network for an audience of the manuscript to use~~ Internet, wherein ~~the~~ an audience of the manuscript uses the second communications device to request and receive a copy of the reference material cited by the author in the manuscript from the ~~communications network~~ Internet; and

a database connected to the ~~communications network to communicate with the author and the audience via the communications network~~ Internet, wherein the database receives a copy of the web site from the Internet in response to the author transferring the web site identification to the Internet such that the copy of the web site received by the database is verbatim to the web site as on the Internet at the time the author transferred the web site identification to the Internet, wherein the database stores the copy of the web site and transfers a copy of the stored copy of the web site to the audience via the Internet and the second communications device in response to receiving a request from the audience for a copy of the web site whereby the copy of the web site received by the audience is verbatim to the web site as on the Internet at the time the author transferred the web site identification to the Internet ~~the identification of reference material cited by the author from the author, wherein the database stores a copy of the reference material and a distinctive key associated with the copy of the reference material, wherein the database transmits a copy of the reference material to~~

~~the audience in response to receiving a request from the audience for a copy of the reference material.~~

2. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The system of claim 1 wherein:

~~the communications network is the Internet~~ the stored copy of the web site in the database is immutable.

3. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The system of claim 1 wherein:

~~the database transmits the distinctive key associated~~ associates a distinctive key with the copy of the reference material to the author web site, wherein the database stores the copy of the web site and the distinctive key.

4. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The system of claim 3 wherein:

~~the author cites the distinctive key associated with the copy of the reference material~~ web site in the bibliography of the manuscript along with the web site cited in the bibliography of the manuscript, wherein the audience obtains the distinctive key from the manuscript and then transmits a request having the distinctive key to the database, wherein the database transmits a copy of the reference material stored copy of the web site to the audience via the Internet and the second communications device in response to receiving the request having the distinctive key.

5. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The system of claim 3 wherein:

~~the reference material cited by the author in the manuscript is an website~~ the database receives the web site identification in response to the author transferring the web site identification to the Internet, wherein the database stores the web site identification along with the copy of the web site and the distinctive key.

6. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The system of ~~claim 5~~ claim 1 wherein:

~~the database receives a copy of the website from the communications network for storage and then transmits a copy of the website to the audience in response to receiving~~

~~the request from the audience for a copy of the website~~ the web site identification in response to the author transferring the web site identification to the Internet, wherein the database stores the web site identification along with the copy of the web site.

7. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The system of claim 1 wherein:
the reference material cited by the author in the manuscript is further includes
an e-mail.

8. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The system of claim 7 wherein:
the database receives a copy of the e-mail from the author via the
~~communications network~~ Internet and the first communications device for storage and then
transmits a copy of the e-mail to the audience via the Internet and the second communications
device in response to receiving ~~the a~~ request from the audience for a copy of the e-mail.

9. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The system of claim 1 wherein:
the reference material cited by the author in the manuscript is further includes
reference material stored as a digital file.

10. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The system of claim 9 wherein:
the database receives a copy of the digital file from the author via the
~~communications network~~ Internet and the first communications device for storage and then
transmits a copy of the digital file to the audience via the Internet and the second
communications device in response to receiving a request from the audience for a copy of the
digital file e-mail.

11. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The system of claim 1 wherein:
the reference material cited by the author in the manuscript is further includes
a paper book.

12. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The system of claim 11 wherein:

the database receives an electronic scanned copy of the paper book from the author via the ~~communications network~~ Internet and the first communications device for storage and then transmits an electronic copy of the paper book to the audience via the Internet and the second communications device in response to receiving a request from the audience for an electronic copy of the paper book.

13. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method for archiving reference material cited in a bibliography of a manuscript ~~using a communications network, a first communications device connected to the communications network for an author of a manuscript to use, a second communications device connected to the communications network for an audience of the manuscript to use, and a database connected to the communications network to communicate with the author and the audience via the communications network by~~ an author of the manuscript, the method comprising:

an author of a manuscript transmitting identification of reference material cited by the author in the bibliography of the manuscript to the ~~communications network from the Internet using a first communications device connected to the Internet, wherein the cited reference material includes a web site and the identification includes identification of the web site;~~

transferring a copy of the web site from the Internet to a database connected to the Internet in response to the author transmitting the web site identification to the Internet such that the copy of the web site transferred to the database is verbatim to the web site as on the Internet at the time the author transmitted the web site identification to the Internet;

~~receiving the identification of the reference material cited by the author at the database;~~

~~associating a distinctive key with the reference material cited by the author;~~

~~storing at the database a copy of the reference material cited by the author and the associated distinctive key web site;~~

transmitting a request for a copy of the reference material web site from the an audience of the manuscript to the database via the Internet using the a second communications device connected to the Internet; and

transmitting a copy of the ~~reference material~~ stored copy of the web site from the database to the audience via the Internet and the second communications device in response to the database receiving the request for a copy of the ~~reference material~~ web site from the audience whereby the copy of the web site transmitted from the database to the audience is verbatim to the web site as on the Internet at the time the author transmitted the web site identification to the Internet.

14. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method of claim 13 ~~further comprising~~ wherein:

~~transmitting the distinctive key associated with the copy of the reference material from the database to the author~~ the stored copy of the web site in the database is immutable.

15. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method of claim ~~14~~ 13 further comprising:

associating a distinctive key with the copy of the web site;

wherein storing at the database a copy of the web site includes storing the distinctive key with the stored copy of the web site;

the method further comprising the author citing the distinctive key associated with the copy of the ~~reference material~~ web site in the bibliography of in the manuscript along with the web site cited in the bibliography of the manuscript; and

obtaining the distinctive key from the manuscript by the audience;

wherein transmitting a request for a copy of the ~~reference material~~ web site from the audience to the database includes transmitting a request having the distinctive key to the database;

wherein transmitting a copy of the stored copy of the web site from the database to the audience is in response to the database receiving the request having the distinctive key.

16. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method of claim 13 wherein:

~~the reference material cited by the author in the manuscript is a website.~~

storing at the database a copy of the web site includes storing the web site identification along with the copy of the web site and the distinctive key.

17. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method of claim 16 further comprising:
~~receiving a copy of the website at the database from the communications network for storage;~~

~~wherein transmitting a copy of the reference material from the database to the audience in response to the database receiving the request for a copy of the reference material from the audience includes transmitting a copy of the website to the audience.~~

the database transferring the distinctive key to the author via the Internet and the first communications device for the author to cite in the bibliography of the manuscript along with the web site.

18. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method of claim 13 wherein:
the reference material cited by the author in the manuscript is further includes
an e-mail.

19. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method of claim 18 further comprising:
receiving a copy of the e-mail at the database from the author via the Internet and the first communications network device for storage; and

~~wherein transmitting a copy of the reference material e-mail from the database to the audience via the Internet and the second communications device in response to the database receiving the a request for a copy of the reference material e-mail from the audience includes transmitting a copy of the e-mail to the audience.~~

20. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method of claim 13 wherein:
the reference material cited by the author in the manuscript is further includes reference material stored as a digital file.

21. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method of claim ~~13~~ 20 further comprising:

receiving a copy of the digital file at the database from the author via the Internet and the first communications network device for storage; and

~~wherein~~ transmitting a copy of the ~~reference material~~ digital file from the database to the audience via the Internet and the second communications device in response to the database receiving the request for a copy of the ~~reference material~~ digital file from the audience ~~includes transmitting a copy of the digital file to the audience.~~

22. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method of claim 13 wherein:

the reference material cited by the author in the manuscript ~~is~~ further includes a paper book.

23. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method of claim 22 further comprising:

receiving an electronic scanned copy of the paper book at the database from the author via the Internet and the first communications network device for storage; and

~~wherein~~ transmitting a copy of the ~~reference material~~ electronic scanned copy of the paper book from the database to the audience via the Internet and the second communications device in response to the database receiving ~~the a~~ request for a copy of the ~~reference material~~ electronic scanned copy of the paper book from the audience ~~includes transmitting a copy of the electronic scanned copy of the paper book to the audience.~~

24. (CANCELLED)

25. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A system for storing a reference material using a communications network, the system comprising:

a first communications device connected to the communications network for an author of a manuscript to use, wherein the author uses the first communications device to transfer a copy of the reference material and reference material availability information to the communications network;

a second communications device connected to the communications network for an audience of the manuscript to use, wherein the audience uses the second communications device to request and receive a copy of the reference material and the reference material availability information from the communications network; and

a database connected to the communications network to communicate with the author and the audience via the communications network, wherein the database receives a copy of the reference material and the reference material availability information from the author, wherein the database stores ~~a copy~~ an immutable copy of the reference material and the reference material availability information and a distinctive key associated with the copy of the reference material and the reference material availability information;

wherein, if the reference material is available, the database transmits a copy of the reference material to the audience in response to receiving a request from the audience for a copy of the reference material;

wherein, if the reference material is not available, the database transmits a copy of the reference material availability information to the audience in response to receiving a request from the audience for a copy of the reference material.

26. (NEW) A system for archiving a web site cited in a manuscript by an author of the manuscript, the system comprising:

a first communications device connected to the world wide web, wherein an author of a manuscript uses the first communications device to transfer web site identification to the web, wherein the web site identification identifies a web site cited in the manuscript by the author;

a second communications device connected to the web, wherein an audience of the manuscript uses the second communications device to request and receive a copy of the web site; and

a database connected to the web, wherein the database receives a copy of the web site from the web in response to the author transferring the web site identification to the web such that the copy of the web site received by the database is verbatim to the web site as on the web at the time the author transferred the web site identification to the web;

wherein the database stores the copy of the web site;

wherein the database transfers a copy of the stored copy of the web site to the audience via the web and the second communications device in response to receiving a request from the audience for a copy of the web site whereby the copy of the web site received by the audience is verbatim to the web site as on the web at the time the author transferred the web site identification to the web.

27. (NEW) The system of claim 26 wherein:

the database associates a distinctive key with the copy of the web site;

wherein the database stores the copy of the web site along with the distinctive key.

28. (NEW) The system of claim 27 wherein:

the database transfers the distinctive key to the author via the web and the first communications device for the author to cite in the manuscript along with the web site;

wherein the database transfers a copy of the stored copy of the web site to the audience via the web and the second communications device in response to a request having the key from the audience for a copy of the web site.

29. (NEW) The system of claim 28 wherein:

the database receives the web site identification from the web in response to the author transferring the web site identification to the web;

wherein the database stores the web site identification, the copy of the web site, and the distinctive key.

30. (NEW) A method for archiving a web site cited in a manuscript by an author of the manuscript, the method comprising:

transferring web site identification from an author of a manuscript to the world wide web, wherein the web site identification identifies a web site cited in the manuscript by the author;

transferring a copy of the web site from the web to a database in response to the author transferring the web site identification to the web such that the copy of the web site transferred to the database is verbatim to the web site as on the web at the time the author transferred the web site identification to the web;

storing the copy of the web site in the database; and

transferring a copy of the stored copy of the web site from the database to the audience via the web in response to a request from the audience for a copy of the web site.

31. (NEW) The method of claim 30 further comprising:

associating a key with the copy of the web site;

wherein storing the copy of the web site in the database includes storing the copy of the web site and the key.

32. (NEW) The method of claim 31 wherein:

transferring a copy of the stored copy of the web site from the database to the audience includes transferring a copy of the stored copy of the web site from the database to the audience via the web in response to a request having the key from the audience for a copy of the web site.

33. (NEW) The method of claim 32 further comprising:

transferring the web site identification to the database in response to the author transferring the web site identification to the web;

wherein storing the copy of the web site in the database includes storing the web site identification, the copy of the web site, and the key.

34. (NEW) The method of claim 30 further comprising:

transferring the web site identification to the database in response to the author transferring the web site identification to the web;

wherein storing the copy of the web site in the database includes storing the web site identification and the copy of the web site.

35. (NEW) A method for archiving information cited in a manuscript, the method comprising:

citing a web site in a manuscript;

prior to any modifications to the web site after the web site has been cited in the manuscript, transferring a web site address to a database via the Internet, wherein the web site address identifies the address of the web site on the Internet;

providing a copy of the web site from the Internet to the database in response to the web site address being transferred to the database such that the copy of the web site provided to the database is verbatim to the web site as on the Internet at the time the web site was cited in the manuscript;

storing the copy of the web site in the database; and

transferring a copy of the stored copy of the web site from the database to an audience of the manuscript via the Internet in response to a request from the audience for a copy of the web site such that the copy of the web site transferred to the audience is verbatim to the web site as on the Internet at the time the web site was cited in the manuscript.

36. (NEW) The method of claim 35 further comprising:

accessing the Internet to locate the web site prior to citing the web site in the manuscript.

37. (NEW) The method of claim 36 further comprising:

associating a distinctive key with the copy of the web site;

wherein storing the copy of the web site in the database includes storing the copy of the web site and the distinctive key in the database.

38. (NEW) The method of claim 37 further comprising:

transferring the distinctive key from the database to an author of the manuscript via the Internet;

wherein citing the web site in the manuscript includes the author citing the web site address and the distinctive key in the manuscript.

39. (NEW) The method of claim 38 wherein:

citing the web site in the manuscript includes the author citing the web site address, the distinctive key, and the time at which the web site was accessed.

40. (NEW) The method of claim 39 further comprising:

the audience of the manuscript obtaining the distinctive key associated with the copy of the web site from the manuscript;

wherein transferring a copy of the stored copy of the web site from the database to an audience of the manuscript via the Internet is in response to the audience transferring the distinctive key to the database.

41. (NEW) The method of claim 40 wherein:

the audience transfers the distinctive key to the database via the Internet.